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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" 1952-ம் ஆண்டிலே பெட்ரோல் பஸ்ஸில் ஒரு மைலுக்கு 8 பைசாவாக கட்டணம் இருந்தது. ஆனால் இப்பொழுது டிசல் பஸ்ஸின் செலவு குறைவாக இருந்தபோதிலும், பஸ்ஸின் கட்டணம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. ஏன் சர்க்கார் இந்த கட்டணத்தைக் குறைப்பதற்கு பதிலாக அதிகப்படுத்தி யிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" அனேக பஸ்கள் ரிப்பேர் செய்யவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. அதற்கு அதிகமான பணம் வேண்டியிருக்கிறபடியால் கட்டணம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :---" Sir, according to the answer given by the Hon. Minister after the introduction of rational rates, it is one anna per mile and half an anna for the subsequent mile. The distance between the Kodambakkam level crossing and the Kodambakkam temple is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The normal charge now charged is $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas from the level crossing to the temple. But on Krithigai days, for both the special buses that are run and the ordinary buses, the charge is As. 2 from the level crossing to the Vadapalani temple. This is not rational, it is illogical, it is unfair to the people. Will the Hon. Minister look into the matter and revise the rates to the usual rate even on Krithigai days? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is perhaps because it is a ' Special Bus ' that the excess rate is charged. However, I will look into the matter."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the qualification for half-rates for children, is it the age, or height or both or colour? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That question does not arise out of the main question, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, arising from the answer of the Hon. Minister, it is clear that special rates are charged for Special Buses. There is some logic behind it. But the discrepancy I pointed out is that even for ordinary buses that usually ply from Triplicane to Kodambakkam, a charge of As. 2 is levied, in conformity with the special rate charged for special buses. Will the Hon. Minister have this examined? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I cannot give an assurance but at any rate, I said I shall look into the matter."

Destitute Home in Madras.

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."

(At this stage, both Mr. T. C. Narayanan Nambiar and Sri K. P. Gopalan stood up in their seats to put the question.)

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MR. SPEAKER :—" As soon as I call out the number of the question and the name of the hon. Member, who has given notice of the question, the hon. Member who wants to put the question on behalf of that hon. Member should stand up."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, we were both authorized to put the question on behalf of Sri Krishna Ayyar. I thought Sri Gopalan would put the question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Now under the new rules, authorisation is not necessary. If you simply stand up and put the question, that is enough."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government run any destitute home in or near the Madras City;

(*b*) if so, what was the average strength there for the year 1931; and

(*c*) how many, if any, doctors and nurses were working there in that year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes. The Government are running a Care Camp and a Care Home for beggars at Melapakkam near Madras City, under the Madras City Police Act.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The question does not arise as the Care Camp and Care Home were started on 1st March 1944."

Assistant Engineers in the Highways Department.

* 1292 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Ratnam is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."

(Sri S. Daivasigamoney stood up in his seat to put the question.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Again the same difficulty, as soon as I call out the question and the name of the questioner, somebody must rise up and say that he is putting the question. Otherwise, there is no point if some one stands up after I have said that the answer would be printed in the proceedings."

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many were promoted as Assistant Engineers in the last three months in the Highways Department and how many among them belong to the Scheduled Castes?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Twenty-three Junior Engineers and Supervisors were appointed temporarily as Assistant Engineers in the Highways Department during the months of October to December 1954 and nine of them belonged to the Scheduled Castes."